



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 11, 2004. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 11, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through September 11, 2004 were 6.38 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 7 2004	Aug 14 2004	Aug 21 2004	Aug 28 2004	Sep 4 2004	Sep 11 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,390	30,144	30,158	30,106	*30,262	28,658
AR	31,552	31,870	31,803	31,540	*31,753	28,990
DE	3,747	3,694	3,773	3,693	3,628	3,546
FL	1,339	1,353	1,348	1,339	1,339	1,339
GA	34,319	33,807	*33,838	33,277	*32,843	32,681
KY	7,293	*7,161	7,073	*7,287	*6,751	6,477
LA	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,968	3,967	3,833
MD	8,895	8,885	8,886	8,879	8,762	7,893
MS	19,831	19,845	19,713	18,790	*19,340	18,472
NC	17,467	*18,127	*18,285	17,651	17,710	17,592
OK	6,913	*6,685	*6,639	6,478	*6,583	6,530
PA	3,655	3,668	3,990	3,951	*3,825	3,586
SC	3,978	4,132	3,856	4,131	4,136	4,033
TX	15,515	15,424	15,257	15,299	15,268	14,829
VA	6,665	6,579	6,572	6,612	*6,205	6,620
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,592	17,739	17,790	*17,360	*17,026	17,267
19 State Total	213,074	*213,036	*212,904	*210,361	*209,398	202,346
Previous Year Total	206,725	205,371	205,998	203,135	200,711	195,084
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	103	104	104	104

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 7 2004	Aug 14 2004	Aug 21 2004	Aug 28 2004	Sep 4 2004	Sep 11 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,273	21,752	21,526	21,657	*21,911	21,825
AR	25,396	25,208	26,539	24,919	*25,421	25,536
DE	5,056	5,018	4,912	5,241	4,897	4,719
FL	1,447	1,589	1,467	1,313	1,182	1,374
GA	27,056	26,398	26,850	27,485	*26,594	27,154
KY	6,008	6,216	6,397	*6,389	*6,080	6,027
LA	3,625	3,674	3,719	3,914	3,839	3,662
MD	5,998	5,743	6,119	5,880	5,858	6,020
MS	17,006	17,570	17,179	17,055	*17,576	17,168
NC	14,982	14,724	14,629	14,135	14,331	14,738
OK	4,935	*5,122	*5,038	4,693	4,857	5,021
PA	2,923	2,828	2,875	*2,747	*2,659	2,965
SC	4,603	4,160	4,661	4,242	*4,772	3,833
TX	12,874	12,876	12,705	12,874	12,774	12,702
VA	5,256	5,380	5,209	*5,483	*5,408	5,401
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,060	16,484	15,892	*17,457	*16,287	16,143
19 State Total	174,498	*174,742	*175,717	*175,484	*174,446	174,288
Previous Year Total	170,090	169,515	169,295	169,271	168,221	168,773
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	104	104	104	103

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